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### Method for Improving the Mechanical Properties of BOC Module Arrangements

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Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
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# CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S) (35 U.S.C. § 119(e))

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefits under 35 USC §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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